MONTON,

That Virginia veteran who refused a pension and back pay to the amount of 57,000 is the sole veteran of his

A large proportion of the New York savings bank depositors are foreigners -chiefly Italians, Germans, Hungarians and Poles. One Italian, a keep er of a corner fruit-stand, whose earnings were acquired a copper at a time, has \$20,000 on deposit in a savings

The majority of the New York Chinese women devote certain hours each day to study. They teach their young children the precepts of the Chinese religion. No matter how well educated a Chinese child may be in the American schools, he devotes a certain time to the perusal of Chinese literature and the history of his father's native country.

Editors and tailors are not the only persons who are made happy on occasions by the present of a pair of scissors. A gift of this kind was made to the Emperor William of Germany recently, and if he was not made happy by it there has been no intimation to the contrary. The fact that this particular pair of seissors cost \$500 might have made some difference.

Most of the Chinese women in New York's Chinatown have servants to do the cooking and the heavy work of the household. Negro women are employed two or three times a week to scrub floors, wash windows, and clean house generally, and the Oriental wife and daughters devote themselves to the care of the young children, to amusements, and the needle-work, in which they have few rivals.

There are signs that the era of the "skyserapers" will before long begin in London. There is an apparent bar to its introduction in London, as the county council's building act prohibits such structures, but, like all restrictive measures, it is not prohibitive. An ingenious suggestion for introducing a skyscraper in the guise of a "tower" is made, and it has additional interest from the fact that it comes within the scope of the by-laws.

It is almost incredible, yet it is true, that, because of recent disclosures affecting the great life-insurance companies, thousands of policyholders have permitted their policies to lapse. A sort of panic seems to have seized upon them, and it has been far more costly to them than to the insurance companies. In many instances new insurance can never be obtained, and in all cases the policyholder has sacrificed the advantages which accumulate with time.

The New York clearing house, representing 53 banks, cleared last year \$56,000,000,000. The average daily clearings were \$200,000,000, and the average daily balance paid in money was \$10,000,000. The next biggest clearing house is that of Chicago, with clearings of \$8,000,000,000. The New York clearing house is, in fact, the most important business institution in the world, its transactions exceeding those of the clearing house of London last year by six billions.

New York City has nearly half, or 700,000, of the entire Jewish population of the United States, or many times more of this race than were ever gathered before in any single community, from the patriarch Abraham's days down to 'hose of Dr. Herzl, the Zionist. From three per cent, of the population of the city in 1880 the Jews have grown to fifteen per cent. in 1905, and their expansion, proportionately as well as absolute, continues at a high rate. Every sixth person met on the streets of New York is a Jew.

A prophecy of world-wide bloodshed and horror during the year 1906 had been issued by Mme, de Thebes, who was accredited as court diviner to the superstitious Napoleon and Eugenie. It is said that she predicted the downfall of the second empire. As her vaticinations for next year the secress says: "Germany is to come very near to a smash early in the year: South America will be contorted with wild upheavals, and the United States will be decimated by an unconquered epldemic," and many other calamities are prophesied.

The second highest chimney in America has been completed for a plant in Newark, N. J. It is 350 feet high, just 15 feet less than the stack of the Orford Copper Co., of Bayonne, N. J., but it is said to be a far finer piece of structural work. As its cost would seem to indicate-\$35,000, or \$100 per foot of height-it is as complete as the best of material and labor could make it. Aside from this, it is an engineering feat of no mean proportions, for it is built on the treacherous salt meadows just to the east of Newark.

The meat question imposing starvation upon the poorer classes of people because of the excessive high price of meat in Germany is a strange condition of civillization. The German farmers secured legislation prohibiting American meat and live cattle, which gives them the monopoly of trade, but they are unable to raise half enough meat to supply the great population; indeed no European country can or does now produce meat enough to supply the demand. The people of Germany appeal in vain to the officials for relief to admit American meat.

Mark McTigue, the aged sexton of Crown Point (Ind.) cemetery, has completed the digging of 4,633 graves, and in the 40 years of his administration of these grounds has never seen a ghost. Few men can claim the equal of his record in digging graves the country over. Sexton McTigue is rearkable in the respect that he knows a brief history of each person buried by him, and can locate, within a few minutes, anyone committed to the grounds. For years he was in charge of the removal of bodies from Koko

WILL GET A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.



WRECKED BY BANK ROBBERS

The Bank at Baldwin, Ill., Completely Wrecked.

Citizens of Baldwin, III., Fight Bank Burglars at Night, and Drive Them Away.

St. Louis, Dec. 20 .- A gang of four burglars blew open the safe of the bank at Baldwin, Ill., 45 milles southeast of St. Louis, on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, at 2 a. m. Wednesday. They lischarged three blasts of pitroglycerine, blew the front out of the building and shattered the outer doors of the safe, but were frightened away before they got much booty. While they were at work on the safe they were attacked by citizens, who were aroused by the noise. They opened fire one was hurt during the fight.

Cashier Preston headed a posse that started after the burglars as soon as horses and arms could be obtained. About \$2,500 in paper money was torn into shreds, but it can probably be sorted out and saved.

About \$1,000 in silver was found in of the safe are searched, and the torn money is sorted out and counted it will Part of the Rio Grande's Repair be impossible to say how much the burglars got, if they got anything.

WM. G. CRAWFORD CONVICTED

Found Guilty of Conspiring to Defraud the Government on Certain Supply Contracts.

case of Wm. G. Crawford, the former yards. leguty auditor for the post office deof conspiracy with August W. Machen ceeded in confing it to its original lo- Spring wheat ..17,990,061 rge E, Lorenz, to defraud the United States in connection with a shop were burned to the grounud, but Barley 5,095,528 contract for supplying the post office partment with letter carriers' satchels, other buildings standing at a distance Buckwheat . . . 760,118 returned a verdict of guilty.

The jury also found Crawford guilty on an indictment charging him with men will be thrown out of work. presenting false vouchers for furnishing shoulderstraps for carriers' satch-

A FORTUNE AWAITED HIM

A Sick and Penniless Wandere Stumbles Accidentally On to Friends and Fortune.

Caes Lake, Minn., Dec. 23 .-- Wm Grow, penniles and ill from exposure, wandered into Bemidji and told a story of hardship that secured sympathy. He was given medical treatment. A letter he had in his possession led to the discovery of relatives in Des Moines, who were notified. Dr. P. G. Grow, of that city went to Remidii and took his brother home, where he came into possession of \$13,000 left him by a relative as his share of an estate.

RECEIVED A PRINCELY GIFT

George Herring, of London, Gives \$500,000 Towards Salvation Army's Home Colonization Scheme

king's hospital fund.

Pathetic Double Tragedy. Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 20,-W. M. McCarty, a fartier, accidentally killed debate Mr. Lovering's bill prohis wife while showing her how to use viding for a new estimate on the a pistol, and he was so horrified that he committed suicide with chloroform. McCarty's first wife committed suicide on the table by the house committee four years ago.

Twins to Wed Twins. Cordell, Okla., Dec. 20 .- Marriage licenses were issued to C. M. and J. H. Nickel, twin brothers, and Misses Hattie and Sarah Bartel, twin sisters. The auptial ceremonies will be performed

on Christmas eve.

Bibie Best Newspaper Style. Columbia, Mo., Dec. 20.-William E.

Curtis, the well-known newspaper corespondent, told the state university ing President Jacob Gould Schurman class in journalism that the day of Bohemianism is past, and advised them to go to the Bible for their literary child in President Schurman's family,

Cremated in Fire He Started. Pocahontas, Ark., Dec. 20.-At Biggers, J. M. Herrin, aged 40, was arrested for drunkenness. He set fire poet, did Wednesday at the poet's rest-to the calaboose, and perished in the dence, "The Heights," a short distance flames before he could be let out.

SERIOUS CHARGE TO ANSWER

Chomas H. Musgrave, an Arkansas Planter, Indicted for Attempted Criminal Assault.

Blytheville, Ark., Dec. 21.-Thos. H. Musgrave, a planter residing near Barfield, was indicted by the grand jury here on a charge of attempted criminal assault.

Miss Adeline Vitt will be the prosecuting witness. Musgrave has been arrested and the case docketed. Allen Hughes, of the circuit bench, will be the trial judge. The state will be represented by Prosecuting Attorney I. C. Going and his assistant, S. L. Gladish. Attorneys Simpson and W. J. Driver are representing Musgrave.

A true bill was returneed after the grand jury had heard the stories of Misses Marion Emmons and Adeline Vitt, of St. Louis, two young women on the citizens, and for half an hour a who had been enticed to Musgrave's lively battle raged in the street. No southern home on the representation that they were to act as companions for Musgrave's wife

If convicted under the charge in the indictment. Musgrave's least penalty will be a sentence of three years in the penitentiary. A 21-year sentence is the maximum penalty for the offense.

Plant Destroyed, At a Loss of, Perhaps, \$200,000.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 21.-The 10:30 Wednesday night. All the fire but the flames were beyond control farm crops in 1905 to have been as fol-Washington, Dec. 20 .- The jury in the and threatened to extend to the freight lows:

partment, who was indicted on a charge headway against the blaze, they suc- Winter wheat .. 29,864,018 ality. The nower the great machine shop, paint shop and Rye 1,662,508 were unharmed. The loss is estimated Flaxseed 2,534,836 at from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and 200 Rice 460,198

ALEX. SULLIVAN THE WINNER

Decision of the Illinois Supreme Court On the Attempt to Disbar Well-Known Chicago Lawyer.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 21.—The Illinois supreme court decided the celebrated case of Alexander Sullivan, growing out of traction litigation in Chicago. The decision is in favor of Sullivan. The question at issue was an attempt to disbar as an attorney the former president of the Irish National league, and was the echo of a conspiracy trial in which the courts, some time ago, gave the victory to Sullivan. By the ruling proceedings are dismissed and the defendant is made final winner in all the courts

FOR SOLICITING A BRIBE

Ex-Alderman Rudolph, of Milwaukee, Sentenced to a Year in the House of Correction.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Ex-Alderman London, Dec. 20.-Gen. Booth of the Robert L. Rudolph has been sen-Salvation army has written to King Ed- tenced to one year in the Milwaukee ward announcing that George Herring, house of correction, being found guilty chairman of the City of London Elec- of soliciting a bribe of \$100,000 from extric Lighting Co. and a prominet mem- City Attorney Charles H. Hamilton, in ber of many other corporations, had 1901, to secure the passage of an exdonated \$500,000 to the army to be used pense bill through the city council. A n a home colonization scheme, but that stay of execution was granted, pending the father of Commissioner of Pensions the army had engaged to repay this the supreme court's decision on certain Vespasian Warner. Dr. Warner was a sum in 25 annual installments to the questions involved in the case. Rudolph gave \$8,000 ball.

> Lovering Cotton Resolution Tabled. Washington, Dec. 21.-After a sharp cotton crop by the department of agriculture on January 10, 1906, was laid on agriculture by unanimous vote.

Trouble In Morocco. Paris, Dec. 21.-The Tangler correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that the pretender to the Moorish

tack the sultan's troops with a numerous army near the Algerian frontier. The Stork at Cornell. Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 21 .- The students of Cornell university are congratulatupon the birth to Mrs. Schurman of a

daughter. This arrival is the eighth

throne, Bu Hamara, is preparing to at-

all but one of whom are living. Jonquin Miller's Mother Dend. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 21.-Mrs. Miller. the aged mother of Joaquin Miller, the

NEWS FOR COTTON PLANTERS DEWEY DENOUNCES HAZING NESTOR OF CHICAGO BENCH

Government Investigation Into the Cotton Boll Worm.

Results Attained So That Planters Will be Enabled to Control That Injurious Pest.

Washington, Dec. 23.-According to connection with the cotton boll weevil, the cotton boll worm, importation of beneficial insects from abroad, investigations of insects damaging forests and deciduous fruit trees, work on inaffecting the great staple field crops, and work in silk and bee culture. The were such that cotton planters will. It is stated, be enabled to control that injurious pest.

Experiments on a large scale, extending over practically the whole of the wheat-growing area, have been begun looking toward the elucidation of certain as yet unsolved problems in the propagation of the Hessian fly and joint worms of wheat, and also to determine the best time to sow wheat in the autumn in order to ward off the autumn attack of the fly, and investigations of the same insect in the spring wheat regions have been begun, since only recently has the Hessian fly spread into this new country.

Wilkesbarre, Connellsville and Other Pennsylvania Towns Suffered Severely.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 22.-A heavy reached the dimensions of a burricane. swept the Wyoming valley Thursday. One man was killed and property worth thousands of dollars was destroyed in graph and telephone wires were brokeral hours communication was cut off. The traction company's wires also sufcrippled.

Connellsville and the entire coke region reports serious damage. At Laffin, north of this city, a large trestling leading to the Delaware & Hudson Laffin colliery was overturned, and a Hungarian laborer was crushed to

death by the falling timbers. The trestling was 400 feet long and 75 feet high. At Plymouth, Pittston, Nanticoke and other towns in the valley the storm

also wrought considerable damage. the debris of the safe. Until the ruins FIRE AT SALT LAKE CITY WHAT FARMERS HAVE DONE Acreage and Production of the Prin-

cipal Farm Crops in the

Country in 1905. Washington, Dec. 21.-Final returns extensive repair shops of the Rio to the bureau of statistics of the de-Grande were found to be on fire at partment of agriculture, according to a bulletin issued Wednesday, show the apparatus in the city was called out, acreage and production of the principal

> Crops. 264,516,655 Oats 28,046,746 953,216,177 136,651,020 ranging about 67. 14.585.082 28,477,753 12,933,436 Potatoes 2,996,757 260,741,294 Hay, tons39,361,960 60,531,611 Tobacco, lbs.... 776,112 633,033,719 The average weight per bushel is shown by the bureau to be 56,3 pounds

for spring wheat, 58.3 pounds for winter wheat and 32.7 pounds for oats. TACKLED THE WRONG WOMAN

William Prior, a Prominent Ken tucky Farmer, Killed by Mrs. Ella Gholson Near Padueah.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 22 .- A sensational killing occurred at 9 o'clock Thursday morning on the Pryor farm near this city on the Benton road. Mrs. Ella Gholson, widow of Will Gholson, of the supreme court, the disbarment about 30 years old shot and killed William Pryor, aged 57, a prominent farmer. The widow wanted a big tree cut down and Pryor ordered her not to have it cut.

Wednesday he drove two men away, claiming that the tree was on his land. Thursday morning she sent the men back and went with them. Pryor again interfered and she drew a pistol, placed it to his heart and fired. He lived 15 minutes. She immediately gave herself up.

Dr. John Warner Dead.

Clinton, Ili., Dr. John Warner died suddenly Thursday afternoon, aged 86. He was born in Virginia, in 1819, and came to Clinton 60 years ago. He is major in the civil war, and was wounded at the battle of Shiloh.

Freedom For Christmas Present. St. Louis, Dec. 22.-Myrtle Eberly, who shot and killed Ed Leonard Octoben 8, 1904, because of his refusal to keep his promise to marry her, has received as a Christmas present her freedom, her case having been nolle prossed.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.-The steamer Mariposa, which arrived here from Tahiti, brought the news that a humor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States government has offered France \$4,000,000 for the island.

Killing In Tennessee

Tennemo, Tenn., Dec. 22.—George Rhue was shot and killed in the middle of a road near here. James Palmer, who was last seen in his company, has been arrested. He denies knowing anything of the affair.

Dr. Salmon To Be Tried In Clinton Clinton, Mo., Dec. 22.-Dr. G. V. Saltried in Clinton, where he has lived church delivered the annual address, back of this city, aged nearly 90 years. for over 50 years. He is 78.

A Condition That Calls For a Promp and Vigorous Remedy Unhesttatingly Applied.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Admiral Dewey has taken an emphatic stand against the hazing practices which prevail at the naval academy at Annapolis.

"It is a disgraceful condition of affairs," he says. "It calls for prompt the annual report of L. C. Howard, in the navy should be empowered to discharge of the bureau of entomology of miss instantly any cadet caught in the the department of agriculture, the action of hazing, and the culprit should main work of the bureau for the past be deprived of all hope of getting back. fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, was in | He should be dismissed and excluded forever."

The naval academy is the cradie of the navy, and there, in the opinion of the admiral, should begin the inculcation of principles of obedience to law and regulation which are essential to sects injurious to vegetable crops and the maintenance of an efficient service.

"Of course, boys are the same all over the world: they will be boys," sald results as to the cotton boll worm Admiral Dewey. I am not opposed to fair fighting when circumstances are such that it is the proper thing to resort to. We do not want in our navy men who hesitate to resent an insult. But we do not want prize fights."

THE "BEEF TRUST" TRIALS

The Trial of the Defendants in Chicago on Their Immunity Plea to Begin January 9, 1906.

Chicago, Dec. 23.-The 21 persons and corporations indicted on charges of conspiracy in restraint of trade in the meat business will go to trial January 9, 1906, on their ten special pleas for PRACTICALLY A HURRICANE by accepted, Friday, after 82 veniremen had been questioned, consists of five farmers, three real estate dealers, two carpenters, one stock raiser and one printer. After a long charge by the court, the 12 men were allowed to go to their homes until the date of the rain and wind storm, which practically trial. The verdict of this jury will decide only whether the packers are to be tried later on the main charge in the case or go free altogether because, under the law, they are entitled to this city and surrounding towns. Tele- immunity from prosecution, if, as they assert, they furnished evidence against en down in all directions, and for sev- | themselves during the Garfield investigation, and which evidence, it is believed by the defendants, was used fered and the system was seriously against them to bring the indictments,

LATEST WALL STREET RUMOR

The Standard Oll Co. Said to Be Intending to Increase Its Capital

New York, Dec. 23 .- The report that the Standard Oil Co. intends to increase its capital stock from \$100,000,-000 to \$600,000,000 by what, in effect, would be a stock dividend of 500 per cent., was revived in Wall street Fri-

There was no official confirmation. but that there has been some discussion in Standard Oil circles in regard to such a step was admitted in quarters where information in regard to

such a change was likely to be had. The effect of such an increase stock would be to reduce the market price to the neighborhood of par, and the dividend rate would be reduced probably from the 40 to 50 per cent which the company has paid in recent years, to a 7 or 8 per cent rate. Such an ar-Although the firemen could not make Corn94,011,369 2,707,993,540 rangement, it was pointed out, would 429,462,834 serve to lessen the prominence of the stock in the market, as compared with

NEW TAGGART TRIAL

Judge Eason Overrules the Motion and Fines Three of Mrs. Taggart's

Wooster, O., Dec. 23.-The motion for a new trial in the Taggart divorce case was overrruled by Judge Eason Friday afternoon. Mrs. Taggart's attorneys, who made the motion, took exceptions to the ruling with the announced intention of carrying the case to the circuit court. The court took four hours to give the decision. He paid particular attention to the affidavits against himself, some of which declared that he was prejudiced and biased in giving the decree of divorce to Maj. Taggart. He pronounced these affidavits unfair, unjust and unusual for lawyers to make, and that all other affidavits were a mass of trash. attorneys who swore to the affidavits of prejudice were clearly in contempt, and he imposed a fine of \$15 each upon Judge Lyman Critchfield, Capt. James B. Taylor and Judge M. L. Smyser, He su pended collection of the fines until the circuit court could pass upon his decision in the case.

Two Girls Burned to Death.

Eaton, Ind., Dec. 23.-Two young girls named Biggs, aged 7 and 9 years, were burned to death near Rayterton. The father and mother were seriously burned while attempting to rescue the children. The family lived in a tent on an oll lease.

Edward Wilder Dend. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 22.-Edward Wilder, treasurer of the Santa Fe Railroad Co., died here.

Noted Linguist Dies of Injuries. Chicago, Dec. 23.-Carlos Escobey, a liaguist of international reputation. is dead of injuries sustained by being struck by a street car on December 19. He had been highly honored by the University of Heldelberg, fought in the Franco-Russian war, and carried scars received in duels.

Illinois Tax List.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.-The total value of all taxable property in this state, as determined by the board of equalization, which has made its final eport and adjourned, is \$3,486,480,885.

Chicago, Dec. 23.-Daniel Garrigan, a city fireman, was sentenced to three months in jail by Judge Kohlsaat for slugging Frank Curry, of St. Louis, the strikebreaker, during the teamsters' strike. Curry was in the hospital two

Penalty For Slugging Curry.

weeks, and nearly lost an eye. Galloway Addresses Mississippings St. Louis, Dec. 23.—The Mississippi mon, senior member of the failed bank-ing firm, has withdrawn his application for a change of venue, and he will be Bishop Galloway of the Southern M. E.

Death of the Venerable Judge Murray Floyd Tuley, of Chicago.

He Had Been Continuously on the Circuit Bench of Cook County Since 1879.

Milwaukee, Dec. 26.-Judge Murray F. Tuley, of Chicago, died at the Pencoyer sanitarium in Kenosha, Monday afternoon. He went to the sanitarium on October 31 suffering from nervous exhaustion caused by overwork.

Nestor of the Chicago Bench Chicago, Dec. 26.-Judge Murray Floyd Tuley, the nestor of the Chicago bench, whose death occurred Monday, was one of the most widely-known jurists in the west. He was elected to the circuit bench of Cook county in 1879 and had served continually since that time. Judge Tuley had the record of ewer reversals of his decisions by the supreme court than any other circuit judge.

Judge Tuley was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1827. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, serving as first lieutenant of the Fifth Illinois infantry, and in 1864-9 served as attorney general of New Mexico.

The body will be brought to Chicago for burial

FARMERS' SOCIETIES MERGE The National Farmers' Exchange and the American Farmers' Inion to Consolidate.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 26 .- F. E. Andrews, attorney for the National Farmers' exchange, announces that the amalgamation of the National Farmers' exchange and the American Farmers' union is about perfected. The new organization will be the greatest society of farmers in the United States.

The National Farmers' exchange operates on the plan of the trusts. It does extensive business in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, and the Dakotas, owning and operating

several hundred elevators. The American Farmers' union has an extensive membership in Texas, Nevada, Indian territory and Oklahoma. The National exchange is capitalized at \$100,000,000. A new name is to be

THE FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR

George Poell, of Grand Island, Neb. to Receive First Medal Under the Act of February 23, 1905.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26,-A special to the World-Herald from Grand Island, says: George Poell, county Neb., clerk-elect of this county, received a letter from President Roosevelt conveying to him the information that the first medal of honor given under the act congress, approved February 23, 1905, had been awarded to him for consplenous bravery in saving the life of a child at the risk of his own and expressing warm commendation for the deed. Mr. Poel who was a locomotive fireman, ran alongside his engine to the pilot and spached a little child from the track, saving it from harm, but himself fell under the engine, losing a leg and being otherwise badly injured.

HE FOUGHT FROM HIS TOWER

Bricks and is Killed In an Unequal Battle.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 26.-In a battle between a policeman and John Tice, a has been incorporated for \$150,000, one-legged negro, a frogman for the \$75,000 of which was subscribed by Illinois Central, who had barricaded himself in his tower at Eleventh and Broadway streets, Patrolman James Clark was shot twice in the hip, and Tice was riddled by scores of people with rifles and pistols from the surrounding streets and roofs. The negro became enraged at someone throwing bricks at his tower, and began firing from the tower at people in the streets below. When the police attempted to arrest him he fired on them. He was

GOV. WRIGHT IN MEMPHIS

He Has Heard the Rumor of His Intended Resignation, But is Unaware of Its Source.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.-Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines, arrived in time to spend the holidays at his home here. Gov. Wright is quite optimistic as to the future of the islands. As to his plans, he is reticent. Regarding the reports that he would resign his office and return to Memphis, he said nothing further than that he had heard of the rumors, but was unaware of the source from which they came.

Went to New Orleans to Celebrate New Orleans, Dec. 26 .- John McCall, J. H. Wells and Jame Bester, three lumbermen from Lumberton, Miss, were found dead in two rooms of a St. Charles street rooming house. They came here to celebrate

Great Fire at Han Kow, China. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26.-Mail advices from Shanghai tell of a great fire at Han Kow, known as the Chicago of China, in which about 5,000 houses were destroyed, a large number of lives lost, variously estimated at from 100 to 500.

Giant Indian Frozen to Death. Sloux City, Ia., Dec. 26.-John Southwind a giant Winnebago Indian, came over to Sloux City Sunday night and indulged in firewater. Monday morning he was found on a sandbank frozen to death.

Charged With Killing an Indian Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 26.-Federal officials have placed Charles Williams in jail, charged with the killing of Stephen John, an Indian, which took place near Fillmore. Williams is postmaster at Fillmore.

Girl Postal Clerk in Trouble. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 26.-Miss Lulu Bowen, a clerk employed at sub station No. 1, Oakland post office, has been arrested, charged with embezzlement, Her accounts are, it is charged, short

STATE HAPPENINGS.

lenne Changes For Salmous Clinton-Judge C. A. Denton of the Henry county circuit court granted changes of venue in the cases of Maj. Harvey W. Salmon, his son, Frank M. Casey, under indictment in connection with the failure of the Salmon & balmon bank. Dr. George Y. Salmon, under indictment in the same matter, withdrew his application for a change of venue, and his trial will be held in the Henry county circuit court. Of the six indictments against Maj. Salmon, two were sent to Polk county, two to Bates county, one to Benton county and one to Pettis county. Two of the five indictments against Frank M Salmon were transferred to the Pettis county circuit court, and one each to Polk, Benton and Bates counties. Thirteen indictments stand against Casey. Changes of venue were granted to him as follows: Two to Benton county, four to Pettis, four to Bates and three to Cass county. New bonds were executed in all the cases, the amounts and the sureties remaining unchanged.

Mother's Appeal Won Pardon. Jefferson City-Oscar Willig, of St. Louis, has left the penitentiary a free man, after serving eight years of a 25year sentence. His mother, 86 years of age, made a personal appeal to the governor in her son's behalf, and she was told that she might take her son home with her. Willig has a record for perfect conduct in the prison during the last eight years, and his application for elemency was strongly indorsed by the trial judge, William Zachritz, and Theodore C. Eggers, circuit attorney. Willig, in a fit of jealousy, shot and killed Pauline Rosenthal. Before meeting the woman he was an honest, sober and industrious boy, as the evidence showed, but her influence dragged him down and induced the tragedy resulting in her

Riot Guns For Penitentiary.

death and his disgrace.

St. Louis-Twenty-five small riot guns will be shipped to the penitentiary at Jefferson City at once. Warden Matt Hall made a test of the firearms at the mounted police station in Forest park, and decided that they were in every way suited for the requirements of the prison. The purchase of the guns is the outcome of the recent affair in the penitentiary, which resulted in the killing of two guards and a prisoner. Several rifles have since been purchased and, with the riot guns, Warden Hall believes the equipment is now equal to the demands of any emergency. The guns are of the same make as those ordered by this city during the street car strike of 1900. Their main virtue is their rapid-fire quality.

Sash Companies Are Merged. South St. Joseph-The Huttig-Moss Manufacturing Co. of St. Joseph and the Roach & Kienzle Sash & Door Co. of Kansas City have been merged. The new firm will be known as the American Sash & Door Co. It has a capital of \$1,000,000, and other plants will be acquired in various parts of the countdy. The new corporation was formed by F. J. Moss, president of the Huttig-Moss Manufacturing Co., and has options on five other plants in different parts of the country.

Joplin to Get Wagon Factory. Joplin-Henry Keller, the wagon manufacturer of Sauk Center, Minn. has decided to move his factory to this place, where he will be nearer the hardwood which is used in the manufacture of wagons. The new concern

Joplin men. Freedom For Christmas Present. St. Louis-Myrtle Eberly, who shot and killed Ed. Leonard October 8 1904 because of his refusal to keep his promise to marry her, has received as a Christmas present her freedom, her case having been nolle prossed.

To Honor Roosevelt. Columbia-The board of curators of Missouri university has decided to extend an invitation to President Roosevelt to attend the commencement next June and receive from the university the honorary degree of LL. D.

Deer's Attack Causes Sait.

severely injured by the furious attack

Rich Hill-Claiming that she was

of a pet deer belonging to W. E. Cornett. Mary Paris has instituted suit for \$1,000 for alleged damages. Odd Fellows Dedicate New Hall. Ozark-The Odd Fellows dedicated their new hall with imposing ceremonies, followed by a banquet. Grand

Master J. W. Wilkerson, of Smithville,

presided.

Church Dedicated at Mexico. Mexico-The new \$36,000 Christian church was dedicated here. Many prominent minsiters from this and other states participated in the serv-

Auto Burns in Barn Fire Versailles-The large barn of M. Joachim, Sr., a merchant, burned, together with an automobile, hay, grain, tools, etc. The loss is about \$1,800.

Girl Victim of Kerosene. Milan-Pearl' Miller, 17-year-old daughter of Marion Miller, a grocer, was burned to death at her home by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

Sedalla Building Burns. Sedalia-The "Katy" building, a three-story stone front structure, was destroyed by fire. The loss is placed at \$30,000, with \$15,000 insurance.

Negro Convicted of Murder.

Columbia-Tom Clay, a negro, who shot and killed Warren Meredith, a negress, in a saloon, was found guilty of murder in the first degree Patterson Gets Two Years. Marshall-Charles Patterson, con-

victed of shooting State Senator Martin last May, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Cut by Portable Sawing Machine

Kirkwood-Albert Kinyon, aged 20, was terribly cut by a portable wood-tawing machine, and may die.